

SB 537 -- BOONE COUNTY COUNSELOR

SPONSOR: Jacob (Byrd)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 18 to 0.

This bill authorizes the Boone County Commission to impose a civil fine of not more than \$1,000 for misdemeanor county ordinance violations, and requires the county counselor, rather than the county prosecuting attorney, to prosecute these violations. Fines collected pursuant to the bill will be paid into the county general fund and used to pay for the cost of enforcement of the ordinances.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the county prosecutor is too busy to prosecute certain misdemeanors and the bill will allow the county counselor to prosecute those violations.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Harris (23) for Senator Jacob.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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